

# **South Australian Mining History Group**

**Quarterly Meeting: Thurs 31 May, 2018**

*Damien on Fisher, Fullarton*

**6.00pm for dinner at 6.45pm**

## ***The Rehabilitation of Wendish Lower Lusatia (Niederlausitz - southeastern Germany)***

**Presentation by**

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### **Abstract**

At the time of reunification of the two Germanies (1989) the brown coal mines of Lower Lusatia (Nieder Lausitz, Brandenburg, south east of Berlin) provided much of the energy requirements of the former Deutsche Demokratische Republik. Since then, many of these have been gradually shut down, leaving degraded mine sites and high levels of unemployment.

Today, the region is engaged in a continuing program of rehabilitation and environmental restoration, which will take many years to complete, to form a new tourist precinct of recreational lakes and waterways, while at the same time preserving its 200 year industrial history.

This presentation will describe the changes being brought about by this program.

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